

**Wait and Watch.**  
We like the tone of the following editorial paragraph from the *Old Commonwealth*. It is good, sound advice, for those who should value the sentiments and resolutions of men who have fought upon principles of honesty are not to grow weary in well-doing on account of the temporary advantage of their adversaries:  
"We wish that Democratic papers throughout the State would stop croaking, and leave off predicting all sorts of calamities to befall us all because we failed in the late election. It is all nonsense, for the country is as safe as before, and our political adversaries are now in a position of responsibility which will expose to the people of the State the utter hollowness of the pretences by which the election was carried against us. Wait. The pendulum will be sure to swing back."

Let no true son of Virginia be so far forgetful of his duties to the dear old Commonwealth that gave him birth and handed down to his safe-keeping the principles made sacred by such noble sons as Washington, Madison, Monroe, and Jefferson, as to depend at the hour when he is most needed. The fight has but begun, or rather the beginning of the battle to be renewed before us, and mean time we must wait and watch the enemy as he feasts upon the spoils of his late victory. If, as is the custom amongst such victors, they fall out in the division, then will be a time for our advantage. If, on the other hand, as before, there be those who, like willing slaves, will receive and execute the "orders from headquarters," the result will be the same. Their actions will in time open the eyes of those honest whites who have been fooled by the sophistry of designing men, and virtue will once again sit in the councils of State at the call of true, upright, and intelligent Anglo-Saxon Virginians.

As we said above, it is ours now to wait and watch whilst the state and proper course for our future action is being developed.

**The President and the Attorney-General.**

The Washington correspondent of the *Baltimore Sun* says: "It can be stated with the utmost confidence that the President has not accepted the resignation of Attorney-General MacVane, and if his opinion does not undergo a change he does not, for the present at least, intend to accept it." However, Mr. MacVane seems to be as determined in his purpose as Mr. Arthur. It is true he has been advised by those friendly to him to withdraw his resignation; for it is argued by them that if on account of the Administration's support he fail in the successful prosecution of the star-route cases, he will have exonerated himself and thrown the blame where it properly belongs. Mr. MacVane, nevertheless, does not wish to run the chances of becoming a scapegoat in the hands of "his friends the enemy." Viewing the *World's* estimate, herewith subjoined, of the man he has to oppose, it will be rather curious to see who will give in first:

President Arthur is a man of personal fidelity. He argues that the man who is "faithful over a few things," his fidelity is not fit to be "ruler over many." He is not disposed to believe that his friends are less patriotic than his enemies, or those who are not or were not his friends. He is of a calm and temperate disposition. His father was an Irishman, and he has much of the Irish warmth. His middle name, Allen, is sufficiently Scotch, and he possesses the genuine Scotch tenacity and cannyism. He is the son of a Baptist minister, and comes of "close-connection" stock. It is interesting to recollect that the ancestor of the President, the Arthur of legend and song, was the ruler of a people who called themselves Cymri, or countrymen, to distinguish themselves from foreigners, in the spirit in which the ancient Greeks called all men barbarians who lived outside of Hellas, and he will inevitably come to pass that the men who will be invited to enter the Cabinet of President Arthur, the men who will receive his social and political cordials, the men who are and will be his advisers, the men who will be the beneficiaries of the enormous Executive patronage, will be the native Cymri, the true Hellenes. What would such a President be expected to do? Calm, confident, reticent, keen-eyed, persistent, loyal in his personal friendship, with a republican political training; worldly, but not a vulgar man; administrative force and without sentimentality, as certain qualities of head and heart are called—whom would he be likely to gather about him in the administration of the Government? What sort of men would naturally enjoy his confidence? Of course the Grants, the Conklings, and the Joneses, the Camerons, the men whom the President regards as the strong men of the Republican party, the men who have achieved his victories, and who are likely to take to support him these distinguished gentlemen are engineering the President to suit their purposes against the inclination of the President. They do not engineer him more than he engineers them. The plain and comprehensive fact about this matter is that he and they think alike concerning the republic. His ways are their ways. He is President himself, but he is precisely the kind of President in whom these gentlemen and their followers believe, and their views of the administration of the Government are also his views. The alliance is a fellowship, not a capitulation. The Knights of the Round Table do not quarrel or disband because one of them is suddenly become king. The Arthurs, and Conklings, and Grants, and Camerons do not secede. A Platonic school of political philosophy.

**The Rockbridge Contest.**

A telegram which we publish this morning indicates that the returns from Rockbridge county have been certified in favor of the Democratic candidates, Messrs. Leach and Dunlap, and that their opponents, Messrs. Frazier and Lacy, have served notices of contest. This information is different from what came from Rockbridge sources; upon the latter our paragraph of yesterday morning was based. All the same, the contest in the House will show the material of that body, and test its willingness to do right when it may do right without cost.

**The Onaka Indians went their reservation.**

turned into a county, though they confess they do not know what a county is.

**VIRGINIA METHODISTS.**

Second Day's Session of the Ninety-Ninth Conference.

**Who Are Admitted on Trial?—A Large Family No Recommendation—Examination of the First and Second Year's Classes; Passed Probation—A Question of Property as to How Strangers Should be Introduced to the Conference.**

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]  
CHARLOTTEVILLE, November 17, 1881.  
The Conference met at 9:30 A. M.—Bishop H. N. McTear in the chair.  
Religious services were conducted by Rev. Jacob Manning.  
The Bishop called Question 1st—"Who are admitted on trial?"—Who are admitted on trial?  
Dr. Sledd presented the application of R. H. Mullen. Dr. Sledd spoke in favor of the application.  
Mr. Thomas Branch opposed the admission, because Mr. Mullen has a large family. He was not admitted.  
Rev. George H. Ray presented the application of Henry Hunt.  
The application was opposed by Rev. J. D. Hank and supported by Revs. G. H. Ray, J. L. Sawyer, and C. E. Watts.  
He was admitted.

**SECOND YEAR'S CLASS.**

The Bishop called the class of the second year, Jacob B. Askew, Randolph P. Gayle, and John R. Wallace passed examination of character, and were elected to deacon's orders.

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**CLASS OF THE FIRST YEAR.**

The Bishop called the class of the first year, William A. Thompson, William T. Williams, John M. Campbell, John W. Carroll, Charles W. Cain, Walter F. Tillet, William E. Grant, Walter W. Sawyer, Arthur C. Jordan, Joseph T. Routten. Passed examination of character, and were elected to the class of the second year.

**ELECTED TO DEACON'S ORDERS.**

John M. Campbell, John W. Carroll, William E. Grant, and Joseph T. Routten were elected to deacon's orders.

**PASSED PROBATION.**

Jacob B. Askew, Randolph P. Gayle, and John R. Wallace, having passed the probation of two years, were called before the chair.

**The Bishop addressed them on the nature and responsibilities of the ministerial office, and they were received into full membership in the Conference.**

**MALE FUND.**

The trustees of the Hall fund reported the income from the fund this year to be \$163.05.

**THE CONFERENCE ORDERED THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID TO THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.**

**EXAMINATION OF CHARACTER.**

The Bishop resumed the call under the twenty-first question.

J. W. Bledsoe, W. G. Starr, P. A. Peterson, John Hannon, A. G. Brown, W. P. Wright, C. C. Vaiden, B. F. Woodward, J. F. Brannan, J. W. Connelly, P. F. August, George E. Booker, G. C. Vanderploeg, John J. Lafferty, J. C. Grant, J. C. Martin, E. H. Edwards, E. H. Pritchard, G. M. Wright, B. W. Watts, H. M. Payne, R. M. Burton, J. H. Crown, W. E. Hope, R. H. Ferguson, L. S. Reed, passed examination of character.

**INTRODUCED.**

Revs. J. P. Vanhorn and John C. Jones, of the Baltimore Conference, were introduced.

**LEAVE.**

William E. Jenkins was granted leave of absence for two days.

**ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.**

Thomas Branch moved that the Bishop be requested to give his impressions of the Ecumenical Conference in London. Mr. Branch put the question, which was unanimously carried.

**The Bishop acknowledged the courtesy in a grand little speech, concluding with, "I pray these have me excused."**

Notices were given, the doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Brother Rowse.

**A PROTEST AGAINST STRANGERS.**

Bishop McTear, in introducing strangers to the Conference, merely announced the name from the chair, puts the question of privilege, and announces the result of the vote.

**UPON THE INTRODUCTION OF REVS. J. P. VAHORN AND JOHN C. JONES TO DAY DR. EDWARDS AROSE AND PROTESTED AGAINST THIS METHOD OF INTRODUCING PERSONS TO THE CONFERENCE.**

He insisted that Virginia conference should not receive the presence of strangers, and that the person introduced should be personally presented to the Conference by the chair or some person authorized to make the presentation.

Mr. Walker earnestly supported Dr. Edwards' views.

The Bishop good-naturedly indicated his intention to adhere to his own views of the propriety in the case.

**PETERSBURG.**

**BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND BIBLE BOARD—INTERESTING STATISTICS OF ITS WORK—SALES OF RESIDENCES—ELECTION OF OFFICERS, &c.**

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

NOVEMBER 17, 1881.

From the Rev. J. M. Pilcher, the general superintendent of the Virginia Baptist Sunday-School and Bible Board, which benevolent agency is located in this city, and which has in charge the Sunday-school and Bible work in the State, the following interesting facts are learned: The Board employs collectors or Sunday-school missionaries in every section of the State; in Tidewater, 3; in Southside Virginia, 4; in Middle Virginia, 1; in Piedmont, 3; in the Southwest, 2. The most recent monthly reports of these laborers, the greater part of whom are ministers, show considerable destitution and much labor in one month. They labored 411 days, converted 3,372 souls, visited 1,746 families, conversed and prayed with 244 families, found 89 persons habitually neglecting preaching, found 146 persons destitute of the Bible, and 107 persons destitute of all religious books except the Bible; they procured 88 Bibles, made 44 addresses on religious subjects at 12 to Sunday-schools, conducted 31 prayer-meetings, organized 1 Sunday-school, baptized 3 persons, sold 25 Bibles and gave away 49, sold 62 religious tracts and gave away 25, sold 10,777 pages of tracts and gave away \$437. Total value of sales, \$299.70; total value of grants, \$307.85. This is a very gratifying exhibit of work accomplished. The salaries of the collectors amount to \$288 for the month reported above. The salaries are paid from contributions made by the churches of the State. Frequent, regular, and liberal contributions are needed to meet this large monthly outlay. Under the management of the General Superintendent, Rev. J. M. Pilcher, the collectors have been regular and promptly paid. The indebtedness of the Board for books, however, is \$1,290.73. Colonel D. G. Potts is president of the Board.

**Mr. D. Meade Bernard, a prominent lawyer from Brunswick county, has taken up his residence in Petersburg.**

Mr. James E. Cuthbert has sold his residence on High street, at private sale, to Mr. John T. Tinsley, of Prince George, for \$4,000. The residence of the late Joseph E. Venable, on Washington street, has been purchased by Mr. J. Wesley Friend, for \$4,500.

It is intimated that there will be two or more candidates before the Council for the mayoralty when Colonel Cameron resigns. Colonel Cameron's resignation will probably be sent to the Council on the 1st of December.

At the annual meeting of the Medical Faculty of this city held last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. J. W. Budd; First Vice-President, Dr. H. M. May; Second Vice-President, Dr. P. S. Schank; Recording Secretary, Dr. C. V. Robinson; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. John H. Claiborne, Court Medical: Drs. James

Dunn, James Claiborne, David Steel, D. W. Lassiter, and Hugh Stockfield.

**DANVILLE.**

**MATRIMONIAL—PERSONAL AND SALES OF PROPERTY.**

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

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Mr. James H. Wilson, one of the book-merchants, and Miss Lela V. Rosser, daughter of Mr. G. G. Rosser, supervisor of tobacco-sales, were married yesterday morning at the Baptist church. After receiving the congratulations and wishes of a number of friends who had assembled to witness the ceremony, the party took the train for Richmond, and will there make an extensive tour. Rev. Mr. Holmes, of Savannah, Ga., officiated in the ceremony, and had the assistance of Rev. Dr. J. K. Faulkner, of Halifax county, recently from Kingston, N. C., who was in the city yesterday. Mr. Faulkner had been attending the Baptist Convention at Winston, and had received the offer of two deacons' orders, if either he will accept. It was gratifying to many friends here to discover that Mr. Faulkner had very greatly improved in health since he left Kingston. Mr. James P. Miller has bought at private sale the house and lot of Mr. S. T. Taylor for \$6,000. The lot fronts 32 feet 6 inches on Main street, and the house is a neat frame dwelling.

Messrs. Ferrell & Flinn and Messrs. Penn & Rison have bought of Messrs. Pace & Talbot, for \$7,500, the old Pace-warehouse lot and the buildings thereon. The lot fronts 107 feet on Lloyd street and 206 feet on Lynn. The buildings on it are the old warehouse (a frame building) and a frame stable. It is understood that these will be removed and two large brick tobacco factories erected for the purchasers.

Dr. John R. Cahill has bought for \$8,750 the house and lot on Wilson street commonly known as the old Cahill Place. The lot fronts 96 feet. The house, which is now regarded as an ancient building, was once regarded as a very fine one. This property belonged to the estate of Mrs. E. A. Cahill.

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**How an Ohio Woman Forged a \$900 Check, and How She was Caught.**

COLEMAN, November 14.—A curious case of female wit and wickedness has been brought prominently before the public by the recent arrival at the penitentiary of a female prisoner from Hocking county. One of the prisoners was a female named Florence Ducat. She was convicted of forgery and sentenced for five years. This is supposed to be the second conviction in Ohio of a female for forgery. The first occurred in this county a few years ago. This case has a remarkable history. Miss Ducat forged the name of John Mercer, a farmer, to a check for \$900, payable to a fictitious female. Miss Ducat presented the check in person to the bank. The people caught the check. Upon reaching the door Miss Ducat returned to the counter and said she believed she did not want to take all that money away with her, and would leave \$400 at the bank. Did they pay interest on deposits? The bank replied in the affirmative, and \$400 was deposited, the woman taking the other \$500 away. This threw the bank officials completely off their guard, and disappointed whatever doubts that may have arisen as to the identity of the woman and the genuineness of the check. The forgery was not discovered until some time afterward, when Mr. Mercer was notified of the cashing of the check. The police were set to work, and another woman was arrested charged with the crime. This woman proved a complete idiot and was discharged, completely unrepentant.

**A Religious Crank.**

A crazy man created quite a sensation yesterday morning at St. Ann's Catholic church, corner of Westworth and Fairfield streets. He was a man of about 40 years of age, of a dark complexion, and of a somewhat wild appearance. He had a long, flowing beard, and was dressed in a dark suit. He was seen by the police, and was taken to the police station. He was not allowed to leave, and was confined in a cell. He was not allowed to see any of his friends, and was not allowed to receive any food. He was not allowed to speak to any of the other prisoners, and was not allowed to write any letters. He was not allowed to read any books, and was not allowed to play any games. He was not allowed to do anything but sit in his cell and think of his crime. He was not allowed to see any of his friends, and was not allowed to receive any food. He was not allowed to speak to any of the other prisoners, and was not allowed to write any letters. He was not allowed to read any books, and was not allowed to play any games. He was not allowed to do anything but sit in his cell and think of his crime.

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